



ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, South  
Coast Air Quality Management District

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is proposing to approve a revision to the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) portion of the California State Implementation Plan (SIP). This revision concerns particulate matter (PM) and carbon monoxide (CO) emissions from Cement Kilns. We are approving a local rule that regulates this emission source under the Clean Air Act as amended in 1990 (CAA or the Act). We are taking comments on this proposal and plan to follow with a final action.

**DATE:** Any comments must arrive by [Insert date 30 days from the date of publication in the Federal Register].

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments, identified by docket number EPA-R09-OAR-2013-0596, by one of the following methods:

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4. Protection Agency Region IX, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105-3901.

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[www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), some information may be publicly available only at the hard copy location (e.g., copyrighted material, large maps), and some may not be publicly available in either location (e.g., CBI). To inspect the hard copy materials, please schedule an appointment during normal business hours with the contact listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Throughout this document, "we," "us" and "our" refer to EPA.

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#### I. The State's Submittal

- A. What rule did the State submit?

Table 1 lists the rule addressed by this proposal with the date that it was adopted by the local air agency and submitted by the California Air Resources Board.

Table 1 - Submitted Rule

Local Agency	Rule #	Rule Title	Adopted	Submitted
SCAQMD	1112.1	Emissions of Particulate Matter and Carbon Monoxide from Cement Kilns	12/04/09	07/20/10

On August 25, 2010, EPA determined that the submittal for SCAQMD Rule 1112.1 met the completeness criteria in 40 CFR Part 51 Appendix V, which must be met before formal EPA review.

B. Are there other versions of this rule?

We approved an earlier version of Rule 1112.1 into the SIP on September 2, 1998 (63 FR 46659).

C. What is the purpose of the submitted rule revision?

PM contributes to effects that are harmful to human health and the environment, including premature mortality, aggravation of respiratory and cardiovascular disease, decreased lung function, visibility impairment, and damage to vegetation and ecosystems. Section 110(a) of the CAA requires States to submit regulations that control PM emissions. Rule 1112.1 has been

amended to include carbon monoxide (CO) limits in addition to the existing particulate matter (PM) limits. Additionally, the compliance procedures and test methods have been updated. EPA's technical support document (TSD) has more information about this rule.

## **II. EPA's Evaluation and Action**

### **A. How is EPA evaluating the rule?**

Generally, SIP rules must be enforceable (see section 110(a) of the Act) and must not relax existing requirements (see sections 110(1) and 193). In addition, SIP rules must implement Reasonably Available Control Measures (RACM), including Reasonably Available Control Technology (RACT), in moderate PM-10 nonattainment areas, and Best Available Control Measures (BACM), including Best Available Control Technology (BACT), in serious PM-10 nonattainment areas (see CAA sections 189(a)(1) and 189(b)(1)). The SCAQMD regulates a PM-10 nonattainment area classified as serious (see 40 CFR part 81), so Rule 1112.1 must implement BACM with respect to PM-10. The PM requirements in the submitted rule are not changed and we are not reevaluating them with respect to stringency as part of this action. Carbon Monoxide requirements are added, and have no affect on SCAQMD's attainment status for CO as indicated by the modeling.

Guidance and policy documents that we use to evaluate enforceability and other requirements consistently include the

following:

1. "Issues Relating to VOC Regulation Cutpoints, Deficiencies, and Deviations; Clarification to Appendix D of November 24, 1987 Federal Register Notice," (Blue Book), notice of availability published in the May 25, 1988 Federal Register.
  2. "Guidance Document for Correcting Common VOC & Other Rule Deficiencies," EPA Region 9, August 21, 2001 (the Little Bluebook).
  3. "State Implementation Plans; General Preamble for the Implementation of Title I of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990," 57 FR 13498 (April 16, 1992); 57 FR 18070 (April 28, 1992).
  4. "State Implementation Plans for Serious PM-10 Nonattainment Areas, and Attainment Date Waivers for PM-10 Nonattainment Areas Generally; Addendum to the General Preamble for the Implementation of Title I of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990," 59 FR 41998 (August 16, 1994).
  5. "PM-10 Guideline Document," EPA 452/R-93-008, April 1993.
  6. "Fugitive Dust Background Document and Technical Information Document for Best Available Control Measures," EPA 450/2-92-004, September 1992.
- B. Does the rule meet the evaluation criteria?
- We believe this rule revision is consistent with the

relevant policy and guidance regarding enforceability, stringency, and SIP relaxations. The submitted rule ultimately strengthens the SIP by maintaining PM requirements and allowing alternative limits for CO which are expected to reduce NOx emissions.

C. Public comment and proposed action.

Because EPA believes the submitted rule fulfills all relevant requirements, we are proposing to fully approve it as described in section 110(k)(3) of the Act. We will accept comments from the public on this proposal for the next 30 days. Unless we receive convincing new information during the comment period, we intend to publish a final approval action that will incorporate this rule into the federally enforceable SIP.

**III. Statutory and Executive Order Reviews**

Under the Clean Air Act, the Administrator is required to approve a SIP submission that complies with the provisions of the Act and applicable Federal regulations. 42 U.S.C. 7410(k); 40 CFR 52.02(a). Thus, in reviewing SIP submissions, EPA's role is to approve State choices, provided that they meet the criteria of the Clean Air Act. Accordingly, this proposed action merely proposes to approve State law as meeting Federal requirements and does not impose additional requirements beyond those imposed by State law. For that reason, this proposed action:

- is not a "significant regulatory action" subject to review by the Office of Management and Budget under Executive Order 12866 (58 FR 51735, October 4, 1993);
  - does not impose an information collection burden under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.);
  - is certified as not having a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 et seq.);
  - does not contain any unfunded mandate or significantly or uniquely affect small governments, as described in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-4);
  - does not have Federalism implications as specified in Executive Order 13132 (64 FR 43255, August 10, 1999);
  - is not an economically significant regulatory action based on health or safety risks subject to Executive Order 13045 (62 FR 19885, April 23, 1997);
  - is not a significant regulatory action subject to Executive Order 13211 (66 FR 28355, May 22, 2001);
  - is not subject to requirements of Section 12(d) of the National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act of 1995 (15 U.S.C. 272 note) because application of those requirements would be inconsistent with the Clean Air Act;
- and



- does not provide EPA with the discretionary authority to address disproportionate human health or environmental effects with practical, appropriate, and legally permissible methods under Executive Order 12898 (59 FR 7629, February 16, 1994).

In addition, this proposed action does not have tribal implications as specified by Executive Order 13175 (65 FR 67249, November 9, 2000), because the SIP is not approved to apply in Indian country located in the State, and EPA notes that it will not impose substantial direct costs on tribal governments or preempt tribal law.

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 52

Environmental protection, Air pollution control, carbon monoxide, Incorporation by referenced, Intergovernmental relations, Nitrogen dioxide, Ozone, Particulate matter, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements,

**AUTHORITY:** 42 U.S.C. 7401 *et seq.*

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